

WATSON EXPLAINS NO SLUR WAS INTENDED

Surprised That American Golf Players Abroad Mistook His Meaning.

GOOD AMATEURS, HE SAYS

Reporting Golf Legitimate in Every Way—Olmsted's Work No Bar for Him.

The cable despatch from London printed in this Sun yesterday, which told of the anxiety and resentment caused among the American golfers at Sandwich by the action of Robert C. Watson, president of the United States Golf Association, in bringing up the question of professionalism among American amateur golfers at this time, has called forth a letter of explanation from that official.

A complete denial of any intention to reflect on the American amateurs now in England is the first point made by Mr. Watson, and he goes on to explain a number of matters which were left somewhat in doubt by the wording of his letter to the secretaries of the clubs that belong to the U. S. G. A., which was made public last week.

One point that amateurs will be glad to have cleared up is that relating to the golfers who write for papers and magazines, something that most of those now in England are doing in one form or another. Mr. Watson makes it plain that this practice is not objectionable. He also gives Francis Olmsted a clean bill of health as far as the open champion's connection with a Boston sporting goods house is concerned. Mr. Watson's letter reads as follows:

Sporting Editor, The Sun.—One of the New York papers in its column this morning a long article stating that some of our golf players who are now abroad were disturbed about the letter sent by me representing this association to the secretaries of the golf clubs belonging to the United States Golf Association.

If it is really true it is absolutely untrue for in every way I am anxious to have no amateur American golf player abroad who is not permitted to compete in the British amateur championship by this association. There was even a shadow of a doubt that in the case of Olmsted, they are all amateur golfers in good standing, and may they remain such for all time.

No criticism has been made about any amateur reporting for newspaper or magazine columns, or on the golfing news. It is perfectly legitimate work in any branch of sports. Mr. Olmsted's letter, which every one knows he does not, is a representation of the United States Golf Association, which is a body of men who are not in any way connected with the golfing news.

Very truly yours,
R. C. WATSON,
President U. S. G. A.

Woe Burn Golfers Play Fouromes.
STAMFORD, Conn., May 16.—Fouromes were played at Woe Burn to-day and J. Post and H. W. Banks were the winners. The scores: A. J. Post and H. W. Banks, 99-101; J. Post and H. W. Banks, 100-101; J. Post and H. W. Banks, 100-101; J. Post and H. W. Banks, 100-101.

Montclair Golfers Busy.
MONTCLAIR, N. J., May 16.—Members of the Montclair Golf Club played the second round of the annual golf tournament and an eighteen hole handicap in three classes this afternoon. In the handicap J. B. Kremer won in Class A with 73, W. H. Loftus in Class B with 75, and R. L. Curry in Class C with 78.

First Competition at Glen Ridge.
GLEN RIDGE, N. J., May 16.—The Country Club of Glen Ridge opened the season this afternoon with an eighteen hole handicap competition in two classes. G. B. Martin won in Class A with 75 and Allison Dodd and H. J. Frost tied in Class B with 84.

Few Play at Dyker Meadow.
An eighteen hole qualifying round for classes A and B was played at the Dyker Meadow Golf Club yesterday. Under the conditions eight should have qualified in each division, but in neither class were eight cards handed in. The scores: Class A—E. H. Hunt, 84-84; H. L. Fish, 85-85; F. E. Barton, 86-86; L. H. Smith, 87-87; F. W. P. Fitch, 88-88; F. C. Russell, 89-89; C. A. Kimball, 90-90; E. W. Coe, 91-91; J. W. Wells, 92-92; J. R. O'Connell, 93-93; E. E. Miller, 94-94; J. B. Peabody, 95-95.

Yale Cleans Up at Amherst.
AMHERST, Mass., May 16.—Yale made a clean sweep of all six tennis matches with Amherst this afternoon, although many of the sets were close. By far the most interesting match of the day was the first singles between G. W. and E. M. Martin, who played brilliantly and scored frequently on hard drives, but Gates proved to be the steeper.

Penn Beats Navy at Tennis.
ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 16.—The tennis team of the University of Pennsylvania won from the Naval Academy here this afternoon by four matches to two. Godfrey, who played a brilliant game throughout, was the only midshipman to win in singles and he, with Waters, won from Kennedy and Bell in the doubles.

Great Neck Four Wins Again.
GREAT NECK, May 16.—The Great Neck polo team lightened its hold on the Great Neck cup by defeating the Point Judith Grasshoppers here to-day; score 13½ to 6½.

Cortland High Wins Meet.
HAMPSHIRE, May 16.—Cortland's thirtieth annual interscholastic track meet was won by Cortland High to-day with 25 points. Rochester East High was second with 23, Lafayette High of Buffalo third with 22, and Peddie Institute fourth with 12.

ROYAL ST. GEORGE'S GOLF COURSE AT SANDWICH FURNISHES SHOTS FOR EVERY CLUB A GOOD PLAYER CARRIES IN HIS BAG

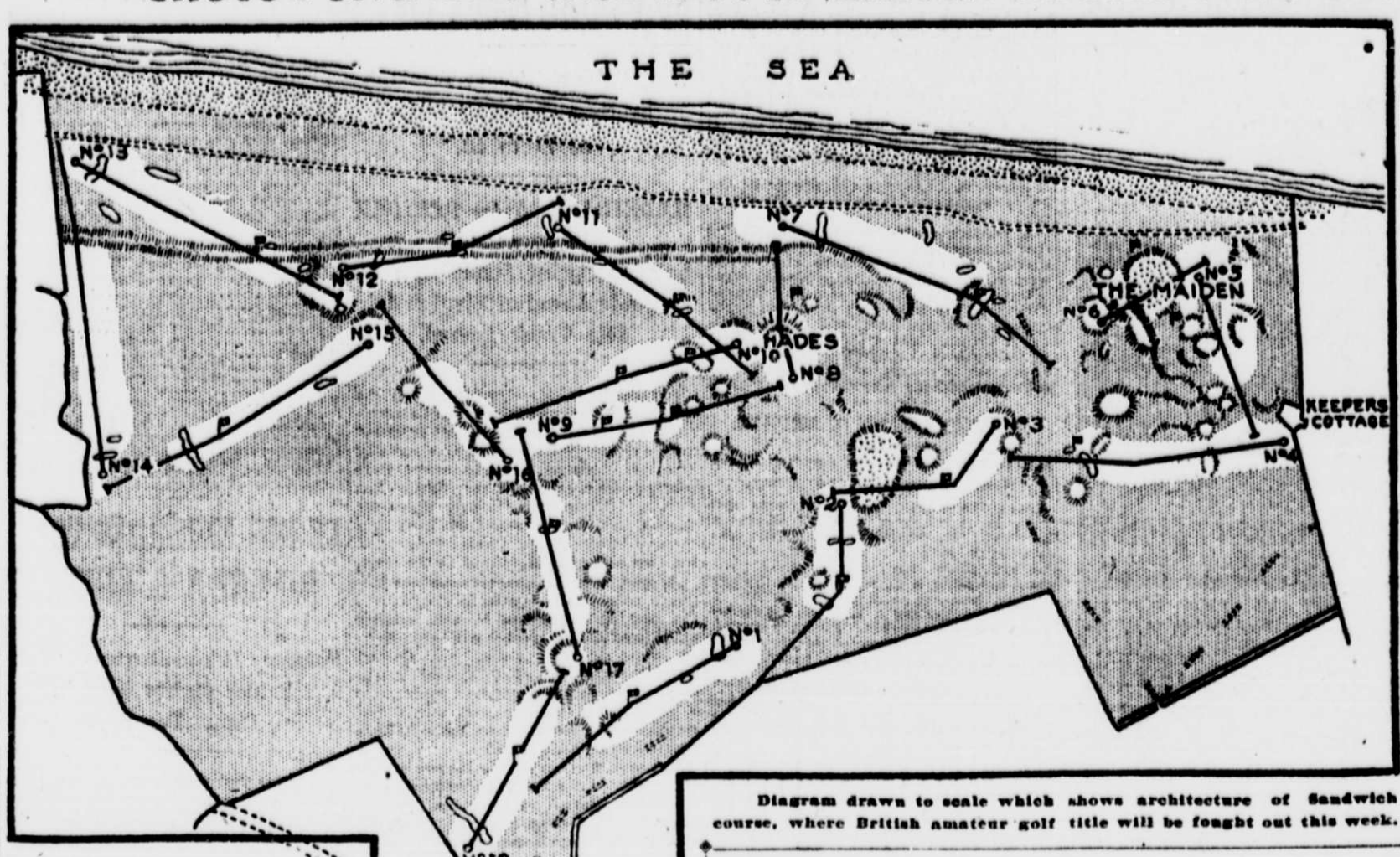


Diagram of Course Shows Many Difficulties to Be Encountered.

VARIABLE WINDS BOTHER

Different Kind of Turf Offers Interesting Problems—Plenty of Bunkers.

To those golfers who wish to follow the play in the British championship with a greater degree of accuracy than will be possible by the mere reading of printed words and figures, the diagram of the Royal St. George's course at Sandwich which this Sun prints this morning will be of service. It will enable them to understand the problems which it is hoped that the Americans will be able to conquer, and if they are unlucky enough to be conquered, the diagram will show the pitfalls which beat them on every side on the noted English course, and can share the blame for their defeat.

Sandwich is a seaside course, something that almost goes without saying, for the powers that be in British golf have not yet admitted an inland course to the championship circuit. It is laid out on the downs which run toward the sea all along the south coast of England, and some of the holes are close to the edge of the bluffs that mark the water's edge.

The result is that Sandwich is a wind blown course, constructed on blowy ground offering few level stances, with formidable sand dunes and chasms crisscrossing up here and there, and on some parts of the course it seems as if they were everywhere. As they make the best of a natural hazard their omnipresence is a somewhat terrifying sight. The rough is terrifying to a timid golfer, for it is as though there was more rough than fairway on many of the holes. And, he golfer who finds his ball in the rough at Sandwich is not likely to find it an easy task to get it out.

For the man who keeps on the line, however, there is plenty of fairway, and splendid fairway too. The good, short, crisp seaside turf, which the British golfers miss when they reach American courses, is at its best on the St. George's course. It is turf that holds a ball up well and so closely knit that a divot is like a piece of green carpet. Put the divot back and you can hardly see where it was taken out. A peculiar thing about this turf is that it is pretty much the same on tee, fairway and putting green, the latter of course having the benefit of roller and mower.

TRAYERS AND OUMET LOSE TO ENGLISHMEN

Hilton and Hon. Michael Scott Take Their Measure by 3 and 2.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, May 16.—Jerome D. Travers and Francis Olmsted, the two American champions, played at Sandwich to-day against Harold H. Hilton, holder of the British title, and the Hon. Michael Scott, the two Englishmen won the match by 3 and 2 to play.

The contest between the four great golfers attracted a large gallery, as many golfing enthusiasts went down to Sandwich from London to-day to watch the practice rounds of entrants for the championship next week. When they heard that Travers and Olmsted were playing the Hilton and Scott the remainder of the players were left to make their rounds without attendance.

It was only the good play of Travers which kept the Americans from being badly beaten, for Olmsted played poorly and frequently was in trouble of one sort or another. Travers never made a mistake in the course of the round, and although the onlookers were relieved to find that the man who beat Vardon and Ray was not so dangerous as they supposed, they derived no such pleasure in watching the work of the amateur champion of the United States. He was playing championship golf all of the way.

Jones Low Net in Crescent Golf.
Eleven golfers returned cards in the weekly eighteen hole medal play handicap over the links of the Crescent Athletic Club at Bay Ridge yesterday. The winner was H. E. Jones, who had a card of 82-12. The scores: H. E. Jones, 82-12; F. S. Danforth, 83-12; J. P. Standford, 84-12; J. P. Thiel, 85-12; J. H. Boyce, 86-12; J. C. Denning, 87-12; E. H. Peck, 88-12; A. E. Duncan, 89-12; C. H. Middendorf, 90-12; J. P. Woodward, 91-12.

Yale Beaten by Greenwich.
GREENWICH, Conn., May 16.—The Yale golf team visited the Greenwich Country Club to-day and were beaten by the score of 5 to 7 in four ball foursomes. In the first match Findlay Douglas and E. M. Martin, who played for Greenwich, were beaten by N. S. Wheeler, the intercollegiate champion, and J. T. Bishop. Under the Nassau system the pair of collegians scored three points.

Quality for Club Title.
MONTCLAIR, N. J., May 16.—Members of the Upper Montclair Country Club played in the qualifying round for the club championship to-day. There were seventy-five entries. The leading scores were: E. A. Chapin, 80; H. Mott, 84; C. H. Farley, 87; H. Adair, 88; E. Wood, 89; A. D. Busbee, 92; G. Schepmoes, 92; M. Bauer, 92.

MATCH PLAY AT BALUSOL

Two Contests in First Round Still to Be Decided.

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Class B—W. L. Righter beat Willie Brown by default; W. T. Glennon beat O. H. Fleming, 2 and 1; W. W. Corbett beat J. H. Goss from Philip Leblondier by default; G. A. Roman beat J. P. Middlefield, 2 and 1; J. A. Lane beat C. C. Burke, 2 and 1; H. C. Munger beat W. B. Tyler, 3 and 2.

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As may be seen by reference to the diagram, the course begins and ends well inland. The first nine holes make their way at an angle toward the sea, which means that a stiff wind blowing off the water will make the hardest kind of work of the outward journey, for when the golfer is not playing directly into the teeth of the wind he finds himself compelled to make allowance on every shot for the cross currents, which are ever ready to carry his ball far off the line into the rough or some gaping bunker, such as the sandy waste known as the "Sahara" on the left at the third hole, a fine example of the "dog leg" type of hole.

The first turn away from the sea is made at the sixth hole, "The Maiden," so named because of the great sand dune with its pitted and scarred sides which rears itself in the golfer's path two-thirds of the way from the tee to the green. Behind the Maiden bunker is the green, and it is only 150 yards from the tee, but the big hazard makes the hole one of the most testing short holes in the world.

Across the fairway on the eighth and just in front of the green is the famous hazard called Hades, and all who have been in it insist that it is. The eighth is a fairly short hole, but a short hole at Sandwich is not the easy proposition that the average short hole is.

Then on the ninth hole the golfer encounters the "Corset" bunkers, with their uncompromising wooden walls. There is one set to catch a poor tee shot, and another to gather in a topped second shot, and the hole is a splendid test of golf.

The general trend from the fifth to the fourteenth is along the bluff overlooking the sea, although some of the holes cut inland a bit, each one that does so making the following hole another bitter struggle against the wind when it is blowing from off shore.

The last few holes are played with the golfer's back to the sea, but they are long enough to be difficult to make in par figures, even with a following wind. In fact, the wind is likely to play a big part in the decision of the championship, and the Britons, who are accustomed to a stiff breeze, will have a distinct advantage unless the championship week should bring with it a spell of unusual calm.

The distances of the holes at Sandwich are:

Out—No. 1, 294; No. 2, 312; No. 3, 280; No. 4, 415; No. 5, 400; No. 6, 160; No. 7, 430; No. 8, 210; No. 9, 410. Total, 3,044 yards; par, 36.

In—No. 10, 400; No. 11, 390; No. 12, 270; No. 13, 431; No. 14, 595; No. 15, 400; No. 16, 180; No. 17, 495; No. 18, 400. Total, 3,561 yards; par, 38. Grand total, 6,605 yards; par, 74.

These figures show that although the length of the course is 6,594 yards, longer than any of our leading American courses, the longest hole of all is the fourteenth, which is only 405 yards. That seems short to American golfers, who every now and then come across a course which boasts proudly of a 600 yard hole or one even longer, but it shows that Sandwich must be naturally difficult. The amateur record is 68, but that is a figure that seldom is approached except on those rare days when the wind is still.

It will be noticed that there are only three one shot holes, all with a different slant of wind. There are ten long two shot holes, three "drive and pitch" holes and two calling for two full shots and an approach. The course, in short, is of about the same difficulty as the Brookline course, where Olmsted did a 72 in his playoff for the championship with Vardon and Ray, though of course entirely different in character.

If an American wins it will mean that he has conquered conditions with which the average American golfer is generally somewhat unfamiliar. Travis did it in 1904, but the course has been changed in several ways and made much longer since that day.

WILDER WINS AT LAST.
Former Harvard Golfer Scores a Victory After Years of Trying.

BROOKLINE, Mass., May 16.—Henry H. Wilder, secretary of the Massachusetts Golf Association, achieved one of his greatest ambitions this afternoon by defeating Frank H. Hoyt by 5 up and 3 to play in the final round for the Country Club cup. Wilder has played in Country Club events more or less regularly for the past ten years and while always close to a win has never before been able to win. This week he waded through the field in hollow fashion. His first two matches were hardly more than practice, for in each he won by 9 up and 8 to play.

This forenoon he disposed of Jesse Guilford, the New Hampshire champion, by 3 up and 3 to play, and then came back Wilder played a terrific hole in the second round, where he was 2 up. Coming back Wilder played a terrific hole in the second round, where he was 2 up. Coming back Wilder played a terrific hole in the second round, where he was 2 up.

Marked about the going in the first nine holes of the final, for Wilder took 43 to the turn, where he was 2 up. Coming back Wilder played a terrific hole in the second round, where he was 2 up. Coming back Wilder played a terrific hole in the second round, where he was 2 up.

He seemed to tire. Hoyt reached the final by defeating J. D. Standish, Jr., Detroit, in a 21 hole match.

M'ALPIN AND BARNES BEST IN BROKERS' GOLF

Tied for Low Gross Score in Qualifying for Stock Exchange Title.

Members of the Stock Exchange Golf Association played the qualifying round of their eighth tournament yesterday at the Fox Hills Golf Club. The brokers dropped in at Fox Hills at any time during the day that suited their convenience and some of them after completing their rounds competed later in the day in competition with the clubs.

The makers of the lowest sixteen gross scores qualified for the championship of the association, which will this year be decided at match play.

David H. McAlpin, Morris County, and E. Mortimer Barnes, Englewood, shared the honors of the day, as they tied at 81 for the prize for the lowest gross score. A handicap event was run off in connection with the qualifying round, and it was won by McAlpin with 81-3, 78. H. Bartholomae, Ardmore, was second with 81-12, 79, and C. Hitchcock, Jr., Fox Hills, fourth, with 82-2, 86. A prize for the man finishing in twenty-third place was won by H. N. Rawlins, and S. N. Goldsmith captured another trophy as a reward for the day's play as fourth, sixth man on the list. The scores of those who qualified follow:

Championship Division—E. M. Barnes, Englewood, 81; D. H. McAlpin, Morris County, 81; C. Hitchcock, Jr., Fox Hills, 82; C. P. Dixon, Rockaway, 86; H. P. Whitney, Nassau, 87; J. Simmons, Westbrook, 88; L. M. Richmond, Oakland, 88; L. Tappin, Rockaway, 87; G. J. Watson, Baltimore, 87; G. S. Felner, Rockaway, 87; W. W. Pell, Range Brook, 88; E. A. Lynch, Rockaway, 88; J. H. Harrison, 89; J. P. Patterson, 90; J. D. Loring, Jr., Nassau, 92.

Season Opens at St. Andrews.
MOUNT HOPE, N. Y., May 16.—G. D. Dithridge led the field in the eighteen hole handicap, which opened the competition season at the St. Andrews Golf Club to-day. The course was in the best of condition and a large number of the members of the club played in the handicap. The leading scores: G. D. Dithridge, 91-17; J. W. L. Richard, 88-7; B. Greer, Jr., 90-19; J. James Bertram, 92-12; 80; Archie M. Reid, 83-3; 80; L. Harrison, 98-15; 83; K. K. Ward, 96-11, 85.

John T. Pratt Beat at Nassau.
GLEN COVE, L. I., May 16.—The winner of the match play against bogey competition at the Nassau Country Club to-day was John T. Pratt. He was 3 up and led a field of over fifty. The following scores were turned in: John T. Pratt, 3 up; H. I. Pratt, 2 up; S. H. Noble, 2 up; C. Runyon Jr., 1 up; H. H. Dean, 4 down; W. H. Peters, 5 down.

Park Golfers Begin Play.
PLAINFIELD, N. J., May 16.—The competitive season at the Park Golf Club began to-day and the following scores were returned: Dr. H. K. Carroll, 101-8; J. P. Thompson, 116-22-94; H. L. Moody, 110-15-95; C. J. Hand, 113-18-95; J. Fred Hillman, 121-25-98; Oliver B. Hill, 120-24-98; Samuel Townsend, 119-19-97; John A. Steiner, 115-20-98; J. V. Beckman, 16-17-99.

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LAFAYETTE WINS BY A NARROW SQUEAK

Scores 23 Points in Gaining Track Victory of Middle Atlantic States.

LEBANONCHIEFCONTENDER

Eleven New Records Made and One Equalled at the Lancaster Meet.

LANCASTER, Pa., May 16.—Lafayette, scoring 23 points, won the track meet of the Middle Atlantic States Athletic Association meet at Franklin and Marshall College to-day. The larger colleges received a decided foil when Lebanon Valley took second honors, scoring a total of 21 points. Rutgers was third with 18 points, Haverford fourth with 17½ points and Washington and Jefferson fifth with 17 points. Franklin and Marshall and Swarthmore tied for sixth place, each with 10 points.

Eleven new records were made and one of last year's equalled. The events were keenly contested. The summaries:

100 Yard Dash—Won by Blackwell, Swarthmore; Springer, Washington and Jefferson, second; Evans, Lafayette, third; Jones, Haverford, fourth. Time—1